

WEATHER.
Continued cold tonight; Fri-
day partly cloudy, with rising
temperature.

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HAMMOND IN PERIL OF FIRE

If Blaze Broke Out, City would be at Mercy of Flames. Anchor Ice Menaces the Entire City.

POOR WATER PRESSURE

Authorities of City Face a Serious Problem in Providing Water Supply.

With but seven pounds of pressure in the Hammond water mains at three o'clock this morning, the entire business district of the city could not have escaped destruction by fire if one had had a good start.

The people of Hammond may as well know the facts. This city would have been as helpless to save itself as Chicago was at the time of the great fire, if a conflagration had started.

PROVE REAL HEROES.
Seven pounds of pressure in the mains and the city engineers say they could not have forced another gallon through if they had been paid at the rate of \$100 a gallon.

And after hours of work, in which the employees at the pumping station have been proving themselves real heroes, the pressure at noon today was only twenty-two pounds.

For the past four weeks the city has been compelled to go to the expense of hiring a South Chicago tug and a number of men to keep the slush ice out of the intake.

RISK LIVES FOR WATER.
Many times Joe Kasper and several faithful men have been compelled to risk their lives in rowboats in order to get the slush ice out of the intake and once three men were carried two miles out in the lake by a moving field of ice, where they faced death from exposure, rather than see the city of Hammond in danger of destruction by fire.

And in Hammond the inconvenience to thousands of people has been so great as to call attention to the fact

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HAMMOND PEOPLE ARE HELD UP

Wreck on Rock Island Delays Patrons of Lake Shore Suburban.

Traffic was tied up for nearly an hour four freight cars and two coaches were partly wrecked, a lot of Hammond people were delayed and a number of railroad employees narrowly escaped injury shortly before 8 o'clock yesterday morning by a peculiar collision between two trains of empty passenger coaches and a freight train on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad. The crash occurred a few yards north of West Sixteenth street. Wrecking crews were put to work immediately, but it was nearly 9 o'clock before the wreckage had been removed and the suburban tracks cleared. The collision is believed to have been caused by a switch being left open when it should have been closed.

LAKE CO. OFFICIAL REPORTED VERY ILL

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Crown Point, Ind., Jan. 6.—August Neunfeldt, superintendent of the Lake county poor farm and asylum, is reported to be in a precarious condition as a result of an attack of internal hemorrhage, of which he fell victim yesterday. His condition is said to be critical and his many friends here are greatly concerned over the outcome. Mr. Neunfeldt is known throughout Lake county, where hopes and best wishes for his recovery will be general.

ASK THE PEOPLE WHO ADVERTISE IN THE TIMES WHETHER IT PAYS OR NOT. IF THEY SAY IT DOESN'T, DON'T ADVERTISE.

NEW ROAD POSSIBLE FOR CITY

Last of Obstacles Removed to Acquisition of Chicago Terminal Co. By Baltimore & Ohio—Means a Great Deal to Hammond.

A new railroad for Hammond and East Chicago with the possibilities of having new depots in each place is the outcome of the consummation of the plans of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad to purchase the Chicago Terminal Transfer Railroad company.

It is announced this morning that the last of the obstacles to the acquisition of the Chicago Terminal Transfer Co. by the Baltimore and Ohio road have been removed by a decision in the federal court by Judge Kohlsaat.

The decision is to the effect that Frank Brainerd and other eastern holders of the common stock of the terminal did not have the right to file a petition attacking the validity of the Baltimore & Ohio's lease of facilities from the Terminal company.

The real significance of this announcement is that the Chicago Terminal Transfer Railroad company, a second rate terminal, with second rate facilities, will be converted into an up-to-date terminal with the best depot and other facilities in the city.

To Be Great Road.
The Chicago Terminal Transfer Railroad company already has the Wabash railroad as a tenant, and with the Baltimore & Ohio railroad as another tenant, it would be warranted in greatly improving its depot facilities.

The Baltimore & Ohio road has been skirting the lake from Seventy-fifth street, through South Chicago, Robertsdale, Whiting and Indiana Harbor to Pine Station.

The change of route will bring it through Hammond over the Western Indiana and Chicago Terminal Transfer tracks, and the route will be from Hammond to East Chicago and Gary. It will afford the people of the north side, Hammond, another means of transportation to Gary.

Probably the most important feature of the new deal is the fact that the Hammond and East Chicago manufacturers will be given access to one of the best freight roads in the country for eastern shipments.

In connection with the sale of the terminal, it is said, the Baltimore & Ohio will re-organize it under another name and spend several millions of dollars on the property with a view to making it one of the finest terminal properties in the west.

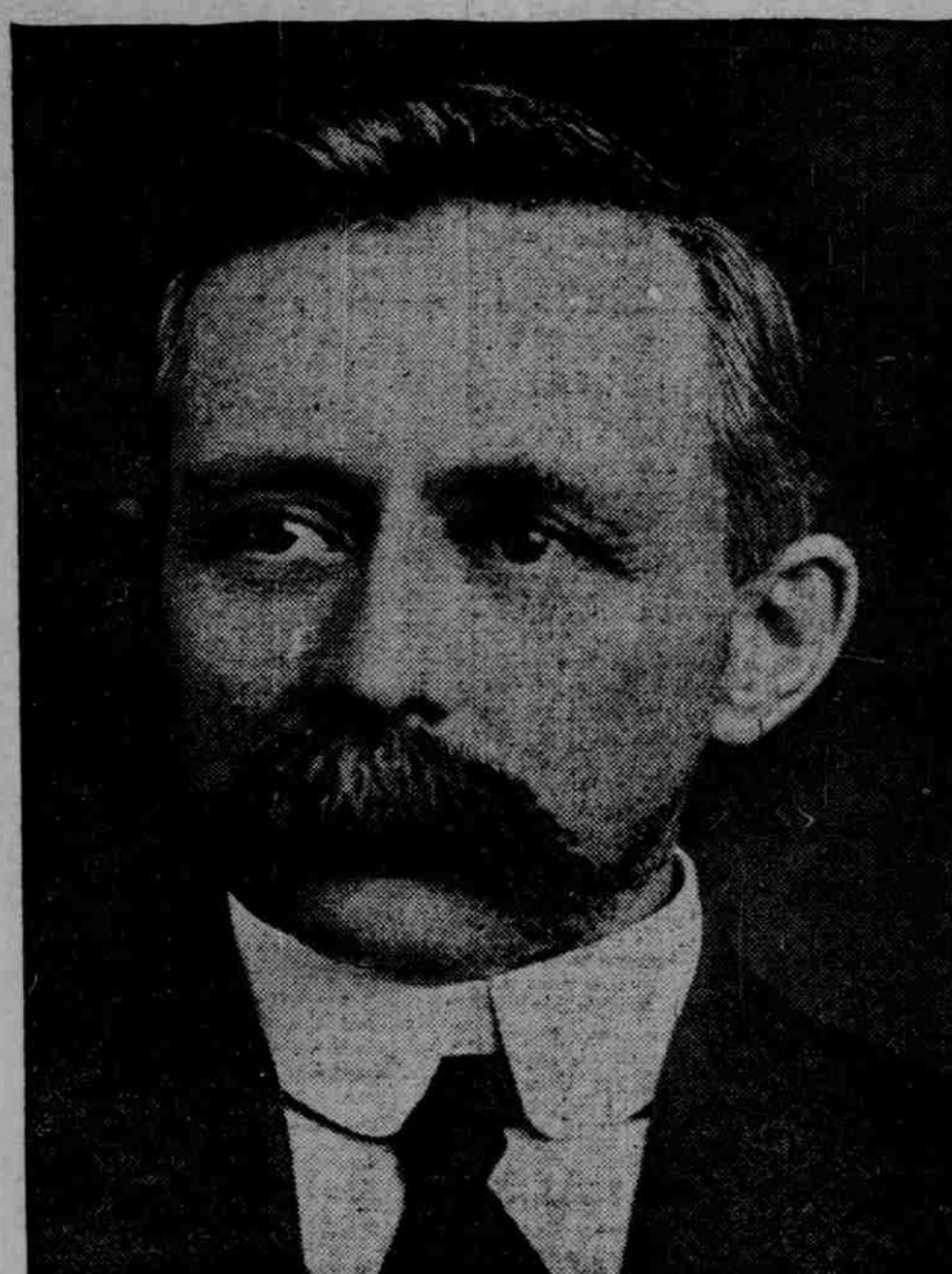
BETZ BUYS OUT ANOTHER CONCERN

F. S. Betz of the company having the same name today closed a deal whereby the local concern takes over the entire output of the Glendale Woolen mills, an eastern concern. The contract involves many thousands of dollars and was made in order to put the local company in a better position to supply hospitals. It being part of the business of the Betz company to furnish hospitals with everything possible. The Glendale Woolen mills' contract takes care of all of the blankets that the company puts out.

WATER TOWER CATCHES FIRE

The Gibson yards water tower, one of the largest in this part of the state, caught fire yesterday, and for a time it was feared that the fire might gain such headway as to burn away the sub-structure, on which the tower stands, and thus wreck it. The fire had gotten beyond control when the yard employees attempted to thaw out the water pipe leading to the tower. "Billy" Nill and his men from No. 4 made a hard drive to Gibson and brought the fire under control. The truck wagon of station No. 1 was called out this morning, and smoke from an unknown source having been discovered in the Dohm building, corner State street and Oakley avenue. It was later discovered that a misplaced fuse was causing the smoke.

The First County Candidate to Announce for Coming Campaign



W. A. HILL OF HAMMOND.

W. A. Hill, whose announcement for the republican nomination for county treasurer of Lake is made public today, a man of wide acquaintance in Lake county politics. He has lived in the county seventeen years. One year he taught school in East Chicago and sixteen in Hammond. For fifteen years he was principal of the Hammond high school. He is a member of the Masonic order, Royal League, Hammond Business Men's association and director of the Lake County Title & Guaranty company. Mr. Hill was secretary of the city central republican committee in the recent campaign, and has always taken an active part in politics. His friends are out in earnest for his success at the coming county convention.

DR. OWEN CALLS THE TIMES A LIVE WIRE

The poetical Dr. Owen of New York city is irrepressible. Upon the receipt of the skull he ordered from Frank S. Betz of this city, he has again burst into poetry.

It is presumed from the experience that he has already had with Mr. Betz that Dr. Owen does most of his correspondence in verse. In fact, his facile pen seems to reel off poems with surprising alacrity.

Dr. Owen is apparently one of those rare optimists of the James B. Ellmore type. Instead of writing, "Send that ten bucks for services when Willie has the croup," it is presumed that Dr. Owen writes his customers a little poem that would sell for \$10 anywhere.

Here is his latest effusion:
"150 E. 127th street.
"New York City.

"Mr. Editor:
"The spirit of THE TIMES shall teach me speed, permit me to thank you for that 'jolt' that you published on Dec. 27, 1909, regarding the skeleton. The power of the press is shown when I state the

skeleton arrived safely upon Jan. 1, 1910. Surely you are the 'live one' out that way.

I thank the jolter of the jolt.
"Twas a jolt of high degree,
It jolted the bones here mighty quick,
From Franky Betz to me.

I was afraid he would give me No. 12.
And then had luck there would be,
But no, see how generals,
He gave No. 10 to me.

Then here is a toast to Frank Betz,
May he advertise 'plenty more.'
May he live in luck for a thousand years,
Beside his cottage door.

Again I thank you and will say you are,
Not dead ones out that way!
Why you have the ancients beat a thousand miles
With a few more in between.

WOMAN FIGHTS FOR LIFE AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. Jacob Busch Fatally Burned in Kerosene Explosion.

Fighting between life and death at St. Margaret's hospital lies Mrs. Jacob Busch of Lansing, Ill., who was fatally burned yesterday morning. Her chances for recovery this morning were very slim, although she was reported to be somewhat better.

Mrs. Busch is about 39 years old, and is the mother of four children. Her husband is a laborer, who is employed in Lansing. They live in one of the Vensteborg cottages.

Mrs. Busch arose about 2 o'clock yesterday morning to light the fire in the kitchen stove, the stove having become cold. In order to hurry the work of building the fire, she poured kerosene into the little fire that she had started.

Oil Can Explodes.
A flame shot up and followed the stream of kerosene into the can, causing the can to explode. The burning oil was scattered over her clothes from

her head to her knees, causing fatal burns. The unfortunate woman at first tried to put out the flames without awakening the other members of the family, but in a few seconds she realized that she was helpless and then rushed back to her bed, screaming while she ran. By the time the other members of the family realized what had happened the mother sank to the floor unconscious.

Mrs. Busch was taken to St. Margaret's hospital at an early hour.

SUES COMPANY

Jesse Skelton Asks for Damages.

Jesse Skelton has brought suit against the United States Metals Refining company through his attorney, W. J. McAleer, for injuries to his eye, which he alleges resulted from the carelessness of the company in not informing him of the character of the metal with which he was working. Skelton claims that his duty was to pulverize castile with a sledge hammer and that in so doing a piece flew up struck him in the eye. The eye was so badly injured by the caustic that he was blind for several months. The plaintiff asks for \$1,999 damages.

THERE'S A CHANCE THAT YOU OUGHT NOT TO POSTPONE THAT "SHOPPING" ANY LONGER. READ THE TIMES' ADS AND SEE IF THIS IS NOT SO.

TOM TAGGART MAN OF HOUR

His Sway Over Democratic Party in Indiana is Complete Twelve Chairmen Elected Being His

E. SIMON SHOWED STRENGTH

Democratic County Chairman Shows Up Outside of Lake County With More Strength in District Convention Than Opponents.

WHAT TIM SAYS OF IT

"Give everybody a fair deal. That man Hounen called me a vile name on the convention floor. I had to resent it. No body who was a man would have permitted it. Why he tried to get into the convention as a delegate from Hanover township. Ask John Rohde of Hammond if I am not telling the truth? Think of it. What right had he there. I treated him right before the convention, but no man can call me names. Give us all a square deal, that's all I ask, and you can run that in letters clear across your page."
"T. W. ENGLEHART."

With the smoke of yesterday's democratic tenth district convention battle cleared away, the situation today looks somewhat brighter in the district. After Charles F. Murphy of Brookston, White county, had been named as chairman and noses were counted, it was found that he had no enemies in the district to begin with.

This, however, does not affect the split in Lake county with Ed Simon on one side and Mayor Becker of Hammond and Tom Knotts of Gary on the other. That split, it is predicted, will not soon be repaired. The Becker-Knotts forces, controlling twenty-three votes, were the first of the two Lake county factions to go over to Murphy, but it was Ed Simon, the leader and candidate of the other faction, who moved to make the election of Murphy unanimous. So while the Lake county delegates cut their noses to spite their faces, they are with Murphy.

Murphy Under No Obligation to North.
Mayor Becker did not appear before the convention as an avowed candidate, but the district chairmanship is said to have been one of his aspirations for years. If that is true he did not show much more strength than did Ed Simon, who had the Lake county ring against him.

While Murphy is satisfactory to the democrats of the district, the Lake county delegates will have to bear in mind that he is under no obligations to them, as their support came only when his election was assured. It will do no good today and it would not have helped matters any yesterday, but there is some satisfaction in it to Ed Simon to know that his delegate strength in the convention was really greater than had been allowed him pro rata. A delayed mail of the Monon brought him the proxies of two St. John delegates, which if they had arrived in time, would have added a little increase.

HAMMOND MAN IS KILLED

C. H. Stewart's ambulance was called to Blue Island this afternoon, an accident to a railroad man having been reported from there. No other information was given with the message, but it is thought that the injured man is from Hammond.

Later—Otto Cassidy of 389 Alice street was killed this morning at 5 o'clock at Blue Island. Mr. Cassidy was employed as a switchman on the Indiana Harbor Belt railroad.

HARMONY IN CHUNKS?

Rows in Tenth and Thirtieth District Attract Attention Over State.

TIMES' BUREAU AT THE STATE CAPITAL.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 6.—Tom Taggart's sway over the democratic party in Indiana was never more effectually shown than it was yesterday in the election of members of the new democratic state committee in the various districts. The new committee will be composed of the following members:

- First District—Dr. T. D. Scales, Boonville.
- Second—Felix J. Gwinn, Shoals.
- Third—Mar Storen, Scottsburg.
- Fourth—Francis M. Griffith, Vevay.
- Fifth—Peter M. Foley, Terre Haute.
- Sixth—John H. Osborn, Greensburg.
- Seventh—Bernard Korbly, Indianapolis.
- Eighth—George T. Beebe, Anderson.
- Ninth—William E. Longley, Noblesville.
- Tenth—Charles F. Murphy, Brookston.
- Eleventh—Edward E. Cox, Hartford City.
- Twelfth—Edward G. Hoffman, Fort Wayne.
- Thirteenth—Peter J. Krueyer, Plymouth.

TWELVE FOR TAGGART.
If Gwinn is not an anti-taggart man then there is not an anti on the entire committee. It is known that all of the

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BRINGS SUIT AGAINST HEINTZ FOR DAMAGES

Former Hammond Boy Is Sued for Three Thousand Dollars.

Edward Matthes, by his father, Robert Matthes, has brought suit against Frederick Heintz, formerly of this city and now residing in Indianapolis, to recover \$3,000 damages for injuries young Matthes is said to have received when he was run into by an automobile driven by Heintz.

The accident is alleged to have happened on the 31st day of May, 1909, about one-half of a mile south of the limits of the city. The plaintiff alleges that he was riding along the road on a motorcycle, in company with Harry Haehnel, at the rate of about twelve miles an hour, when without warning he was run into by Fred Heintz, who was going at a rate of fifty miles an hour.

Plain View of Road.
It is alleged that there were no constructions on the road, and that there was no excuse for Heintz not to see the plaintiff. It is further alleged that there was no warning signal of any kind.

Matthes claims that his collarbone was broken and that he was badly bruised and injured. He claims that he was in bed two months as a result of the injury, and that, in addition to paying \$45 for repairs on the motorcycle, he had to pay \$50 for doctor's fees, \$20 for medicine and lost wages to the amount of \$100. The suit was filed by Attorney W. J. McAleer.

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